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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: FRENCH REPORT OF JULY 10 MEETING WITH
ANGOLANS

THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN LUANDA HAS REPORTED THAT THE CONTACT
GROUP MEETING WITH SWAPO DID NOT BEGIN UNTIL JULY 11. THE
SWAPO DELEGATES FROM WINDHEOK ON ARRIVING IN LUSAKA ON THE
AFTERNOON OF JULY 9 ELECTED TO TAKE THE ANGOLAN PLANE WHICH
WAS WAITING FOR THEM RATHER THAN CATCH THE ALITALIA FLIGHT.
ALTHOUGH THE ANGOLAN PLANE WAS DUE TO DEPART EARLY MORNING
JULY 10, ACCORDING TO THE FRENCH, IT DID NOT ARRIVE IN LUANDA
UNTIL 1600. THE CONTACT GROUP ON JULY 10 MET ONLY WITH
ANGOLAN AND OTHER FRONT LINE OFFICIALS. FOLLOWING IS THE
EMBASSY'S UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF A REPORT OF THE
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MEETING WITH THE ANGOLANS AS PROVIDED BY THE FRENCH EM-
BASSY IN LUANDA TO THE FRENCH MISSION HERE.

QUOTE: IN THE ABSENCE OF THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS, PAULO JOREGE, PRESENTLY IN KHARTOUM, THE
CONTACT GROUP WAS RECEIVED THIS MORNING FOR AN HOUR AND
A HALF BY MR. PASCOAL LUVUALU, A DEPUTY MEMBER OF THE

POLITICAL BUREAU, SECRETARY OF MPLA FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,
AND MR. JOSE EDUARDO DOS SANTOS, FIRST VICE PRIME
MINISTER.

ON BEHALF OF THE FIVE, MR. MCHENRY GAVE A DETAILED
EXPLANATION OF OUR PROPOSAL, UNDERLAINING THAT ONLY TWO
PROBLEMS REMAINED UNRESOLVED (WALVIS BAY AND THE LOCA-
TION OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS). HE STRESSED PARTICULARLY
THE NECESSITY OF DISPLAYING POLITICAL WILL BECAUSE THERE
IS IN SIGHT A SOLUTION WHICH WILL REDUCE TO 12,000 THEN
TO 1,500 MEN THE SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES IN NAMIBIA, WHICH
PRESENTLY NUMBER MORE THAN 25,000. ON THE OTHER HAND,
IN CASE AGREEMENT WITH SWAPO IS NOT ACHIEVED, A UNILATERAL
SOLUTION BY SOUTH AFRICAN IN NAMIBIA WOULD HAVE GRAVE
CONSEQUENCES IN NAMIBIA AND IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

FOLLOWING THIS GENERAL EXPLANATION, MR. LUVUALU ASKED
IF THE FIVE HAD RESOLVED THE OTHER POINTS RAISED BY
SWAPO: LIBERATION OF POLITICAL PRISONERS, RESTRICTION
OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY CONTINGENT DURING THE
ELECTORAL PERIOD, THE ROLE OF THE POLICE, ESTABLISHMENT
OF A CEASEFIRE.

WE REPLIED THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS WOULD BE
STATIONED FAR FROM THE NORTHERN FRONTIER, OUTSIDE THE
POPULATION CENTERS, AND WOULD BE SUBJECT TO TIGHT UN
CONTROL. WE ALSO EXPLAINED THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL
WOULD MEET TWICE, THE FIRST TIME TO RATIFY OUR PROPOSAL
AND VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION ABOUT WALVIS BAY, AND THE
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SECOND TIME TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY
GENERAL CONCERNING IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR PROPOSAL. IT
IS AT THE TIME THE FIRST ELEMENTS OF UNTAG ARRIVE IN
NAMIBIA THAT THE CEASEFIRE WOULD COMMENCE.

WE HANDED MR. LUVUALU A COPY OF OUR DRAFT REOLU-
TION ON WALVIS BAY. OUR INTERLOCUTOR NOTED THAT OUR
FIRST MEETING WITH SWAPO WOULD TAKE PLACE TOMORROW
MORNING BECAUSE THE SWAPO DELEGATION FROM WINDHOEK
WOULD NOT ARRIVE IN LUANDA UNTIL THIS AFTERNOON.

WE PROPOSE TO MEET AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH THE
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FRONT-LINE STATES AND ESPECIALLY
MR. MKAPA, TANZANIA MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND
MARK CHONA, PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA, WHO
HAVE JUST ARRIVED IN LUANDA. END QUOTE.
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